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SUBJECT: SOUTHEAST TURKEY PRESS SUMMARY

JANUARY 08, 2004

1. This is the Southeastern Turkey press summary for January 08, 2004. Please note that Turkish press reports often contain errors or exaggerations; AmConsulate Adana does not vouch for the accuracy of the reports summarized here.

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2. Ozgur Gundem / Hamdullah Akitan, an Ozgur Gundem reader, claimed he was: 1) stopped by the police for buying Ozgur Gundem; 2) had his house raided in the middle of the night and; 3) then he was detained by the police. Akitan claimed that the police tortured him during his detention.

3. Milliyet / The Adana Fire Brigade requested assistance from the Incirlik Air Base Fire Department on January 7. The Incirlik Air Base Fire Department provided assistance with water supplies.

4. Milliyet, Hurriyet / The first snow in Adana in 12 years, on January 7, was reported in the higher districts of Suleyman Demirel, 100. Yil, Kurttepe, on January 7.
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